

Dear Livestock and Seed Programs;

I urge you NOT to allow irradiated food to be served in the National School Lunch Program. Irradiated foods have not been proven safe to eat. In fact from the research that's been done on irradiated food, it's very unsafe to eat because it causes cancer. Irradiated food causes cancer.

Irradiation results in the formation of chemicals known or suspected to cause cancer and birth defects, and degrades nutritional content. Fifty years' worth of research has revealed numerous health problems in lab animals that ate irradiated food, including premature death, reproductive problems, mutations, and organ damage. You should not condone our children's consumption of low quality, unsafe and nutritionally deficient food.

Furthermore, regulations do not require children, teachers or parents to be informed that school meals have been prepared with irradiated foods. We deserve the right-to-know what is being served to children through government nutrition programs.

Irradiation is simply a mask for the meat industry to cover up contaminated meat. Your job is to serve children a healthy, safe and nutritious meal, not make excuses for the meat industry's mistakes.

Sincerely,

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